

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application of: BUI, et al.,

Application No. 09/248,057

Filed: February 10, 1999

For: "MEDICAL APPARATUS USING SELECTIVE GRAPHICAL INTERFACE"

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REPLY TO MARCH 6, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AS SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

BOX RCE Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2002, rejecting of all pending claims, and further pursuant to the Examiner's request during the telephonic interview of May 6, 2002, for which the Applicant extends his appreciation for the time and courtesy provided by the Examiner. The shortened statutory period of three-months for filing this Reply without extension is set to expire on June 6, 2002. Therefore, this Reply is considered timely filed. In view of the present Amendments, all of which are in compliance with the Examiner's suggestions during the aforementioned personal interview, the Applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

This Reply should be considered a submission in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (see attached *Transmittal*). Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the cost of this request in accordance with §1.17(e). Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below.